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Request for Consideration of Prior Art References (3 pp.);

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Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed May 31, 2005 (5 pp.); Copy of PTO Form-1449 filed May 31, 2005 (5 pp.); Copies of prior art references for: JP01258178A, JP01269164A, JP 01269158A, JP 0131869, JP 02110660A, JP03269763, WO 94/19906, EP032410A1, EP0106187B1, EP0478412A1; and

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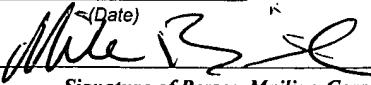

  
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Dated: December 13, 2005

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## REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART REFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance mailed November 2, 2005, the Examiner noted that certain foreign prior art references filed in the IDS of June 2, 2005 were not considered for one or more of the following reasons: 1) no legible copy of the reference(s) was received by the Office; 2) the IDS did not include a concise explanation of the relevance of the reference(s); or 3) the reference(s) lacked a translation.

Applicants herein submit the following as proof of prior submission of legible copies of said references and respectfully request the Examiner's consideration thereof:

1. Copy of return receipt postcard indicating inclusion of said foreign prior art references, stamped and received by the USPTO on June 2, 2005 (1 pg.);
2. Copy of Transmittal Letter mailed May 31, 2005 indicating inclusion of said foreign prior art references (1 pg.);

- 3. Copy of Information Disclosure Statement as originally filed May 31, 2005 (5 pp.); and
- 4. Copy of PTO Form-1449 as originally filed May 31, 2005 (5 pp.).

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants herein re-submit copies the following foreign prior art references: JP 01258178A (Abstract), JP 01269164A (Abstract); JP 01269158A (Abstract); JP 0131869 (Abstract); JP 02110660A (Abstract); JP 03269763 (Abstract); WO 94/19906 (Abstract).

Additionally, Applicants herein submit published English abstracts of the form relied upon for the following foreign prior art references: EP 032410 A1, EP 0106187 B1, and EP 0478412 A1. Applicants are believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.99 (b)(4).

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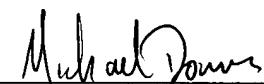
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the said foreign prior art references by initialing beside each reference on the PTO-1449 and returning that form to Applicants via facsimile number (203) 461-7018, or by way of supplemental notice of allowance.

Conclusion

If there remains any question regarding the present Application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present Application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael D. Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at [mdowns@walkerdigital.com](mailto:mdowns@walkerdigital.com).

Although no fees are believed to be due in connection with this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be necessary for the enclosed Request to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,



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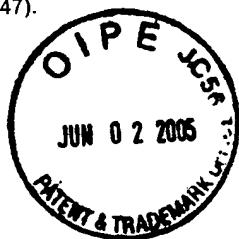
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Please acknowledge receipt of the following papers by stamping the date received on this card and returning the same to the addressee.

- Transmittal Letter (1 pg.) (x2);
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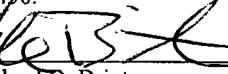
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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as (i) a representation that a thorough search has been made; (ii) an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability; (iii) an admission that no other material

information exists; or (iv) an admission that Applicants agree with any statement(s) in the information cited. Nor shall the filing of this information disclosure statement be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-identified application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 and to independently ascertain their teaching.

1. [ ] Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the pending U.S. patent applications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application. Applicants would be pleased to provide the Examiner with a copy of these applications upon request.
2. [ ] For each of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a European Search Report from a counterpart European application is enclosed. Such items are marked as reference letter(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. [ ] For each of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is incorporated in the specification of the above-identified application. Such items are marked as reference letter(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
4. [ ] No fee is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:  
[ ] 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application.

37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(2), within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in §1.491.

37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

37 CFR §1.97(b)(4), before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114.

5.  No fee is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), after the period specified in paragraph 4 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a Notice of Allowance (where there has been no prior final action), and is accompanied by one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 9 below.

6.  A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 4 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a Notice of Allowance (where there has been no prior final action). The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is to be paid as set forth in paragraph 10 below.

7.  A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), after the mailing date of a final action or a Notice of Allowance, but before the payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by:

- a. one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 9 below; and

b. this document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.

c. the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 10 below.

8. [ ] A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:

[ ] 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue;

[ ] 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue.

9. [ ] I hereby certify:

[ ] that each item of information contained in the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of such communication is enclosed.

[ ] that no item of information contained or listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information was known to any individual designated

in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

10. [X] Please accept payment of the fees due as indicated below:

[ ] A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0271 in payment of the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

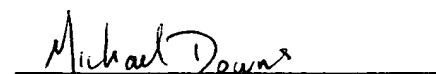
11. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. A copy of this authorization is attached.

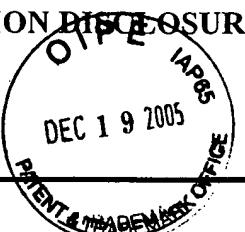
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Respectfully submitted,

May 31, 2005

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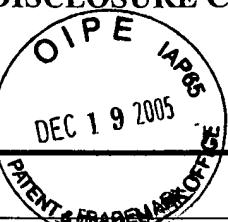
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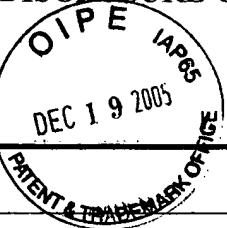
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